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Hughes (right) of Anchor  
Deep Ministries in Alabaster,  
Ala., embraces an unidenti-  
fied woman as she leads par-  
ticipants in the Womens Track  
in prayer during the 2004  
Mississippi Baptist State  
Evangelism Conference at  
Country Woods Church,  
Jackson, on Jan. 26-27. (BR  
photo by Tony Martin)



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## Evangelism Conference held in Jackson

By Tony Martin  
Associate Editor

Once more, participants in the State Evangelism Conference were enthralled, enlightened, enthused, and encouraged by the host of speakers and musicians who led in the event, hosted by Country Woods Church, Jackson, Jan. 26-27.

The conference, sponsored by the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB), is held annually and is held in different churches each year. While icy weather on the eastern seaboard threatened to keep some speakers at home, the spirit and passion of the conference continued unabated. As one pastor said at the conclusion of the Monday night session, "I sat there thinking, 'What if I had missed this?' This was an incredible evening."

As in 2003, running concurrently with the regularly scheduled conference was a women's track, hosted by the Mississippi

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Story" was the  
theme of the  
conference. To  
reinforce this  
theme, several  
pastors and  
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given the oppor-  
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testimonies during the conference. These included Jeremy Ellis, evangelist, Clinton, who told of growing up as a "redneck Cajun"; P. J. Scott, pastor of First, Olive Branch, and how God had blessed the church's commitment to be a "family church." Others sharing testimony or information included Ed Deuschle, director of the Church Planting department, MBCB; Jim Didlake, director of the Men's Ministry department, MBCB; and Bob Ford, golf pro at Castlewoods Country Club, Brandon.

The January 26 afternoon session opened with worship by David Oliver and a praise team from Crossgates Church, Brandon. Luke Garrett, a soloist from Jackson, also offered special music. Gary Bowlin, vocational evangelist, Summit, drew his message from Matthew 9. "No religion" is the fastest growing religion in the world," Bowlin said. "But it's an open world — more people are open to the Gospel than ever before."

Jerry Pipes, Pipes Productions, Lawrenceville, Ga., focused his comments on the needs of teenagers. He encouraged conferees to model scripture. "We don't

have a kid problem — we have a parent problem," he said. On the topic of evangelism, Pipes said, "Why will only five percent of Southern Baptists lead someone to Christ? We need to help people deal with fear. Some say they're not trained — well, we're not trained to talk about movies, but we do."

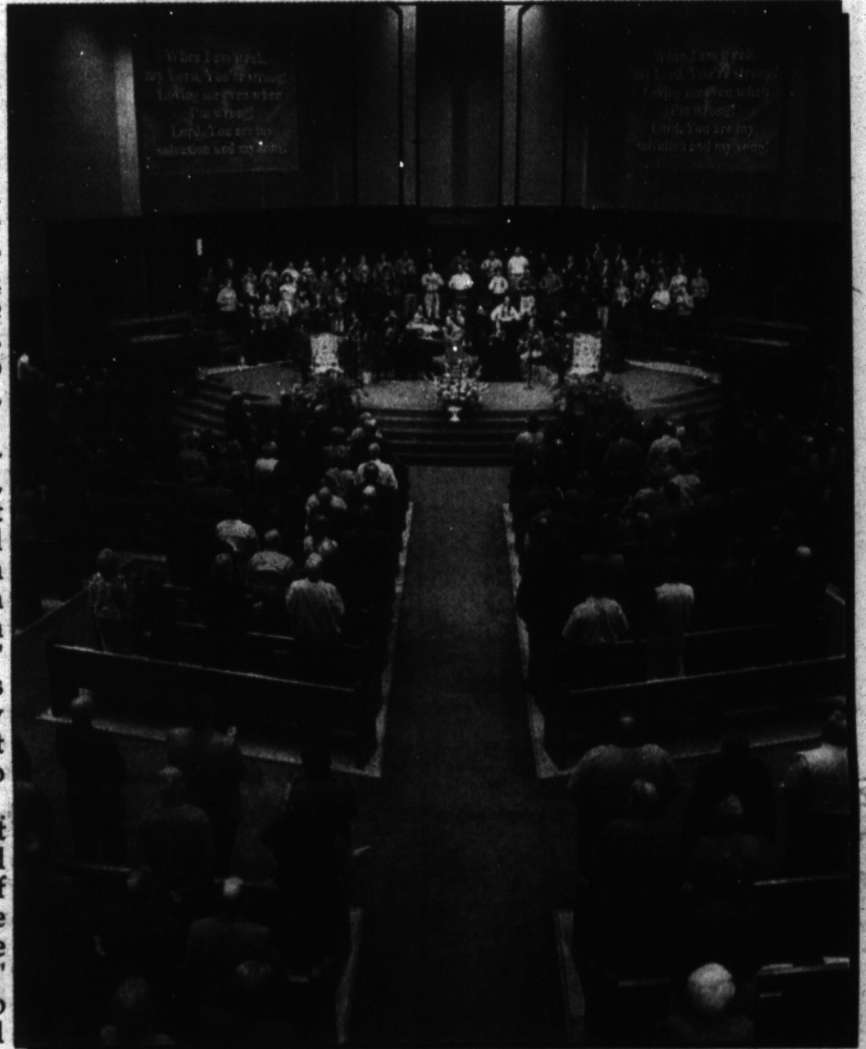
James Merritt, pastor of Cross Pointe, The Church at Gwinnett Center and former Southern Baptist Convention president, spoke on "the thrill of the fill," using Ephesians 5 as his text. "Is the Holy Spirit filling you right now? He wants us to be all we can be."

"The Holy Spirit ought to be the wind that controls the shop of your life and the breeze that takes you where He wants to go," Merritt continued. "Do you want to be filled with the Holy Spirit so God can use you, or so that you can use God?"

Jim Farrish and the Country Woods choir led in worship during the evening sessions. Jerry Young, pastor of New Hope Church, Jackson, shared with the conferees that "the problem in America is there is darkness in our churches." In an electrifying message, Young stated, "You must let your light shine — personally. If people are going to be impressed with Jesus, our light must shine, so that they can give glory to the Father in heaven."

James Merritt's evening message from Mark 2 dealt with "When God Gets Excited." In the familiar passage of four men lowering the lame man through the roof to reach Jesus, Merritt pointed out, "Jesus acted when he saw their faith. Jesus said, in effect, 'Your greatest problem is sin, and your greatest need is forgiveness, and I've come to take care of both of them.'"

Tuesday's sessions included messages from Randall Creel, vocational evangelist, Forrest; Ken Hemphill, National Strategist/Empowering Kingdom Growth, Nashville, Tenn.; and Jim Futral, Executive Director - Treasurer, MBCB, who brought the morning message in the place of Johnny Hunt, First Church, Woodstock, Ga., who was not able to attend at the last minute. In his sermon, Futral, using for his text a little-known passage from 1 Chronicles 26, asked, "How are you doing where God has you?" Referencing verse 18, he said, "You may be at Parbar — the place



PRAISE, WORSHIP — The Choir of Country Woods Church, Jackson, led by Jim Farrish, minister of music, joins participants in offering praise and worship to God January 26 at the 2004 Mississippi Baptist State Evangelism Conference. (BR photo by Tony Martin)

of unnoticed significance — but it's the place where God wants you to be."

Creel used Romans 1:14-16 as his text. In a message titled, The Gospel Still Works, Creel stated, "There's an old adage here — if it ain't broke, don't fix it. The Gospel still works."

Hemphill, referencing Ezekiel 36:20-38, said, "I believe God could bring awakening in our generation, but not to bring honor to our name. He'll do it to bring honor to His name."

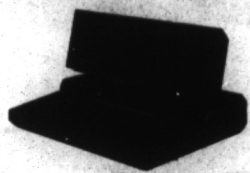
Music for Tuesday was provided by the Jim Hill Family, vocational evangelists, Laurel; Garrett; Price Harris, vocational evangelist, Shreveport, La.; Ronnie Cottingham, vocational evangelist, Lucedale; and Ken Patterson, 15th Avenue Church, Meridian.

Program personalities in the Women's Track were Laura Leathers, Hidden Treasures Ministry, Pickens; Mandisa Hundley, vocalist for Beth Moore's praise team; Page Hughes, Anchor Deep Ministries, Alabaster, Ala.; Ewilda Fancher, WMU Communications volunteer, Florence; Corinne Gillentine, Women's Ministry Bible Teacher, Hattiesburg; and Cyndi Grace, Women's Ministry Bible Leader, Sartartia.

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# The Super Bowl of Sleaze

The reviews are in on the just-completed Super Bowl XXXVIII contest between the New England Patriots and the Carolina Panthers. While sports analysts believe the game itself was one of the best ever, cultural analysts described the events surrounding the game as some of the worst ever. It's easy to see why.

The much-ballyhooed original commercials could not have been more crass. From Budweiser's flatulent flame-throwing horse and crotch-biting dog to Charmin's disgusting dangling toilet paper scenario to simulated sex acts and indecent exposure on the halftime stage, most Americans seem to be as repulsed as Tom Shales, the Pulitzer Prize-winning media critic for the Washington Post.

"Viewers who tuned in expecting a big-time football game saw the Super Bowl of Sleaze instead," he wrote in his column shortly after the game's final whistle. Shales termed the low-est-common-denominator commercials as "conspicuously inappropriate for an event that is a national rite and the kind of rare TV attraction that brings families together in front of the set... Maybe the Super Bowl will have to move from the broadcast networks to the Playboy Channel if its commercials are going to be so dirty that they embarrass parents watching with their kids."

The bawdy commercials were downright tame, however, compared to the MTV-produced halftime show. There were the perfunctory scantily-clad young women undulating to music in harem-like dances. There was Nelly, a rapper who couldn't keep his hands off this private parts long enough to finish his song.

Pop vocalists Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake provided the halftime show's lowest of the low moments. After prancing around the stage with Jackson in a tightly-clenched simulated sex act, Timberlake sang the line, "I'm gonna have you naked

by the end of this song," and proceeded to rip off part of Jackson's costume to expose her breast.

Even the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission — the outfit that recently relaxed virtually all rules on broadcast profanity — was outraged.

"Like millions of Americans, my family and I gathered around the television for a celebration. Instead, that celebration was tainted by a classless, crass, and deplorable stunt," said Michael Powell. "Our nation's children, parents, and citizens deserve better."

As Powell was ordering a full-scale investigation of the debacle, everyone involved was scrambling to pass the buck. "We attended all rehearsals throughout the week and there was no indication any such thing would happen," stated broadcaster CBS in a written statement.

Right. That might be more believable had not Jackson's manager said several days before the game that Jackson's performance would contain "shocking moments" — the same words also used several days before the game on MTV's web site to describe the halftime show.

National Football League Commissioner Paul Tagliabue feigned surprise, too, as his underlings scrambled to excuse the League's ignorance of the true nature of the halftime show — but if he and the League aren't responsible for their product, then who is?

Sadly, the Super Bowl spectacle of this past weekend doesn't begin to describe the perversity of modern America's entertain-

"FATHER, WOULD YOU MIND IF THE NEXT BATCH OF NEW MEMBERS YOU SEND ME WERE ALL LOW MAINTENANCE?"



ment media. In addition to the filth on broadcast television, many cable channels feel perfectly free to promote music videos, movies, commercials, and regular programming that glorify homosexuality, rape, murder, bestiality, necrophilia, and scatology, just to name of few topics currently being exploited.

What drives a nation from heights of greatness to the depths of depravity we are now seeing in America? It's a mystery that has fascinated historians throughout the ages. For the sake of our great country, however, we'd better figure it out — and soon.

Anyone remember Sodom and Gomorrah?

## NAMB, MBCB providing resources for film

ATLANTA (BP and local reports) — As the buzz surrounding Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of The Christ*, mounts prior to its Feb. 25 nationwide launch, the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board (NAMB) has begun offering detailed evangelistic resources to help churches answer questions the movie raises.

NAMB is mailing Southern Baptist churches suggestions for preparation, prayer, and personal witnessing, as well as tools to help follow up with individuals who respond. The same information also is available through [www.PassionChrist.org](http://www.PassionChrist.org), a new NAMB website.

The Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) is also providing support for churches seeking to provide a witness during the film's screenings around the state. For more information, contact MBCB Evangelism Director Sonny Atkins at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 292-3279 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 279.

"The Passion tells an important part of the story of Jesus Christ — but only a part," said John Yarbrough, NAMB's vice president for evangelization. "We are suggesting that Southern Baptists use the impact of this movie in their communities to tell 'the rest of the story' about the saving and redemptive power of the Gospel."

"It is our prayer," he added, "that the attention drawn to Jesus during the showing of this motion picture will find

many people searching for answers, and that our churches will be prepared to show them the way to new life in Christ."

*The Passion of The Christ* is one of the most detailed depictions of the last hours of Christ's life in movie history. Gibson has stated that his purpose for the undertaking was to help individuals gain a new appreciation for Christ. It uses the original languages of Aramaic and Latin, but with subtitles to ensure the meaning is clear.



Scene from *The Passion of The Christ* (low resolution image)

The NAMB site deals openly with the issues many churches will have in hoping to see people reached with the Gospel by the movie while at the same time not wishing to offer unequivocal endorsement to an R-rated (for violence) movie.

"Many events in our society that are positive, spiritually neutral, or even negative can be launching points for evangelistic outreach," the site states. "Many churches ministered to their communities in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, tragedy. Other churches have Super Bowl parties each year, using this event as a bridge across which to share the Good News. Paul wrote, in 1 Corinthians 9:22 (NKJV), 'I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.'"

"This event could be the catalyst for the mobilization of a multitude of workers to go into a harvest field of people who are waiting, wondering, watching, and hoping for someone to tell them the rest of the story about Jesus Christ," the site states. "Pray, prepare, and participate in reaching your world during *The Passion of The Christ*."



# SBC to meet in Indianapolis on June 15-16

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting, June 15-16 in Indianapolis will be anything but one-dimensional, reflecting the depth of this year's theme, Kingdom Forever. It will continue to build on the SBC Kingdom Family emphasis from last year's annual meeting in Phoenix, with activities scheduled for family members of all ages.

The closing session Wednesday evening will feature:

- Franklin Graham, who is following in his father's evangelistic footsteps while also working at the forefront of human needs crises worldwide.
- the Gaither Vocal Band led by Bill Gaither, one of the most beloved and prolific songwriters in Christian music.

- an overview of Southern Baptists' worldwide missions through 5,000-plus workers sent out by SBC churches under the auspices of the International Mission Board.

There are still other important reasons to attend the SBC annual meeting, noted Jack Graham, the Dallas-area pastor who will conclude his two terms as convention president.

"The annual convention in Indianapolis is an opportunity for Southern Baptists to experience the heart and passion of our ministry across America and around the world," Graham said. "In a world facing terrorism and global unrest, we must rise to the challenge of our times."

"This great gathering in June is at a crucial time in our nation's history, and we have been called to the Kingdom for such a time as this," Graham

continued. "I want to encourage pastors and church leaders to join us in the great city of Indianapolis, which is in the heart of our nation. I especially want

Leadership University in Orlando. This year's convention sermon will be preached by Steve Gaines, pastor of First Church in Gardendale, Ala.

Online messenger registration, introduced for last year's annual meeting, opened Feb. 1 at the SBC's website, [www.sbc.net](http://www.sbc.net). Hotel options and reservation information currently is posted on the site.

The June 13-14 Pastors' Conference preceding the SBC annual meeting will focus on the theme of Jesus Came Preaching with such speakers as Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Church in suburban Memphis; Bible teachers Stephen Olford and Voddie Baucham; and Mike Haley from Focus on the Family.

The Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting, focusing on the theme of Christ Followers, also is slated June 13-14 in Indianapolis and will feature a number of missionaries with the SBC's International Mission Board and North American Mission Board.

Convention manager Jack Wilkerson of the SBC Executive Committee, noted the family activities being planned in conjunction with the annual meeting.

"At this year's convention in Indy, activities for the entire family are being planned, starting with preschool childcare, an age-graded enhanced children's conference and a specially designed Centrifuge for teens."

Details will be posted on the SBC's website, [www.sbc.net](http://www.sbc.net), beginning Feb. 15.

Childcare for infants through children who have completed kindergarten will be available from Sunday after-

noon through Wednesday. The SBC Children's Conference for children in grades one through six Monday through Wednesday, with the theme of "Hearts Under Construction," will be led for the second year by Denton Brothers, a team of three brothers from Swift Creek, Mich.

The Centrifuge-type camp, offered for the first time at an SBC annual meeting, will be akin to the popular summer camps for students in grades seven through 12 offered nationally by LifeWay Christian Resources. It will be "a life-changing camp," said Joe Palmer, director of LifeWay's student events department — "a classic summer camp experience where each thing we do is designed

Kingdom  
Forever

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.  
— Matthew 6:13

to encourage seminarians, students and young pastors and leaders to participate. It is important that we connect the emerging generations to the cooperative missions of Southern Baptists.

In addition to Franklin Graham, "Kingdom Challenge" messages will be delivered by Roy Fish, longtime professor of evangelism at Southwestern

Seminary; David Jeremiah, senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, Calif.; and evangelist Jay Strack with the Student



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## Eating together

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Could the breakdown of the American family be traced to the dinner table? According to a Gallup poll, it's a least a sign. A poll released Jan. 20 showed that only 28% of American families with children eat together seven nights a week, a drop of 10 points from three years ago. While seven nights a week may be a lofty goal, the poll also showed that fewer families (75%) are meeting a smaller standard of at least four nights a week. That is a decline from recent years: In 1997, 83% of Americans ate together at least four nights a week; in 2001 it was 79%. Tom Elliff, an Oklahoma pastor who chairs the Southern Baptist Convention's Council on Family Life, said that time around the dinner table is important. "It's around the table that you learn a lot of the graces of a civilized society," said Elliff, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Del City, Okla. "You learn a little bit about manners. You learn how to listen to one another." The Gallup poll showed that the percentage of families eating together three nights or less a week has increased from 16% in 1997 to 22% in 2001 to 24% today. Communication within families is "very important," Elliff said, adding that a meal provides family members an opportunity to talk and to learn about one another without any distractions — no television, no video games, no telephone. "One of the greatest evidence of the disintegration of our culture is that families no longer take the time to eat together," he said. Interestingly, Gallup found that families in Canada and Great Britain are more likely families in America to eat a nightly meal together. In Canada 40% of families eat together seven nights a week, while in Great Britain 38% of families did the same. Additionally, 80% of Canadian families eat together at least four nights a week.

## Looking back

### 10 years ago

Mississippi Baptist disaster relief volunteers, in their third week of meal preparation for victims of the Jan. 17 Los Angeles earthquake, twice exceed the unit's all-time record for most meals cooked in a single day — preparing 10,800 meals and 11,600 meals on separate days.

### 20 years ago

Copiah-Lincoln Association in Brookhaven calls Talmadge E. Smith as their new director of associational missions. Smith succeeds Eugene Roberts, who retired after 18 1/2 years of service.

### 30 years ago

A series of interracial conferences will be held in several centers of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, according to W. A. Keel of Jackson of the State Convention Board. The conferences are sponsored by the Convention Board and Mississippi Seminary.



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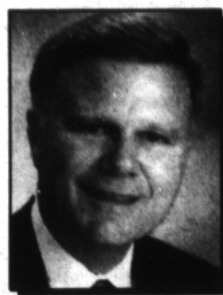
Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Mark 15:33

## PRISONERS

It is only infrequently that I run into someone who is truly "free." Many of us are prisoners who spend most of our lives adjusting to life behind bars. No, not the kind of bars you find at a local jail or a state prison, but the kind of restrictions that comes from pains in the past, fears of the future, or ongoing doubts about the present. The strong shackles of our own sins, to say nothing of the sins of others that affect us, lock us into a life that is so much less than God intends for us.

Our Lord Jesus was keenly aware of our imprisonment and that is why He said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." One of the problems with being set free is that we do not know what freedom really is. Freedom is not just doing what you like. In a fuller sense, it is "liking what you do."

I was reminded of how true that statement is one day as I was talking with a prisoner who was working on some state grounds. He seemed to be so cheerful when I spoke to him, and that prompted me to want to know more about him. With his green and white striped uni-



Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer  
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

form on, he was cheerfully going about his business of picking up trash. I was interested in learning why he was so happy. I soon found out it was not because he was being released soon, nor was it because he didn't have plenty of problems in life, but it was because he was "free." Free in the sense that he had an opportunity to be on a work detail that would release him to walk around on beautiful grounds, on a sunny day, and pick up trash. "Besides that," he said, "I even get to visit with you." The longer we talked, the more I realized that this man was not doing what he liked, but had decided to "like what he was doing."

How many people do you know who are chained by the "unchangeables?" If I was just taller, or shorter. If I had not had such bad parents. If my parents had not divorced. Then others

## Directions

might say, if only my children were obedient, or smarter, or more gifted. If I had had the good opportunities when I was young. If my health wasn't so poor. If only I had not done those dumb things when I was young or if I had married a different person. It is a dilemma, isn't it, because you cannot unscramble an egg!

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." When Jesus spoke those words He was not inviting us to a classroom for a philosophical discussion about truth. No, He was inviting us into a personal relationship with truth itself, or more accurately, truth Himself. When we come to know Jesus, who is the Truth, and begin to follow Him in truth, we truly begin to experience a walk into

freedom. Do you think that Jesus liked to do everything He did? I think not. What is enjoyable about confrontation with ill-spirited men and conflict with warped leaders? Who would want to spend time with ego-driven, disagreeable disciples? And, who among us enjoys working with folks who let you down? Yet, none of these things shackled Jesus. He moved on living in the love of the Father and making relationships along the way as meaningful as possible.

I soon came to know that the prisoner I told you about was a Christian. By his own testimony he had found a new dimension to life that only Christ could bring. He had found a dimension of life that included forgiveness of his past (those unchangeable chains) and possibilities in his present that included maximizing life's small benefits and enjoying its relationships. He had discovered what some folks with good-paying jobs, sweet families, and opportunities to do anything they would like, have not discovered. They, more than he, remain prisoners. Trust Jesus, the Truth, and let Him set you free!

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The American Lung Association of Mississippi (ALAM) honored Baptist Health Systems for the hospital's on-going sponsorship for Camp Wheez-Away, a summer camp for children ages 8 - 12 with asthma.

For the past five years, Baptist has partnered with ALAM and the Mississippi Asthma Collaborative in contributing resources and volunteers in creating a one-of-a-kind experience for Mississippi children with asthma.

The statewide camp is usually held at Camp Wesley Pines in Gallman, Miss. During the week-long camp, children enjoy a host of activities, including canoeing, hiking, and playing a variety of sports. They also learn about asthma triggers, breathing techniques, and the importance of taking medications properly. A large group of medical and other volunteers staff the camp.

Next year's camp will be held July 12-16. To learn more about Camp Wheez-Away, contact ALAM at 1-800-586-4872 or visit [www.lungusa.org/mississippi](http://www.lungusa.org/mississippi).

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Matthew 10:27 NAS

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*Imagine ... A Fresh Wind in My Sails*

## A Women's Get-Away — Un "escape"

God, make a fresh start in me ... put a fresh wind in my sails. Psalms 51:10-11 The Message  
Dios, haz un fresco comienzo en mi ... pon un fresco viento en mis velas. Salmos 51:10-11 El Mensaje

Women's Rally on Friday night and Saturday morning  
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Christian Women's Job Corps — Cheryl Miller, executive director of Perpetual Help Home, Texas

Hispanic Women's Fellowship — Caroline Jones, new language consultant, WMU, SBC

Key Truths for Women's Work in the Local Church — Deborah Brunt, executive director, Oklahoma WMU

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Becoming the Passionate Bride of Christ — Cyndi Grace

Living while Grieving - Dealing with Death and Other Grie — Wilda Fancher

Encouragement for the Exhausted Woman — Judy Ann Fortenberry

A Seeking Heart — Rediscovering True Worship led by Sarah Groves

Todas las mujeres de Mississippi están invitadas al Camp Garaywa para este tiempo de "escape". Las sesiones de "escape" serán planeadas por Sisters Who Care, Compañerismo de Enfermeras Bautistas, Cuerpo Cristiano de Trabajo para Mujeres, Mujeres Hispanas. Habrá, además, otros temas de interés tales como: Transformándose en la Apasionada Novia de Cristo, Viviendo Durante el Duelo - Tratando con la Muerte, Aliento para la Mujer Agotada; Un Corazón que Busca — Re-descubriendo la Verdadera Adoración. (Nota: La conferencia será en Español sola para "Mujeres Hispanas". Para las demás será en Inglés.)

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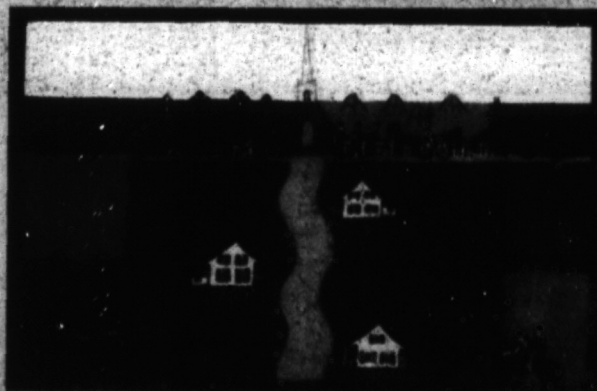
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Pray for the peace process for Burundi. Pray that the fighting will stop. Pray that the new government will be stable and lead the country to free elections. Pray for D., a national partner, to be able to continue to work in Burundi.

For: (1) Area 7 F.O.C.U.S. Groups (WMU); (2) Missionaries in Brazil, working with students, ask for prayer that an effective campus ministry with visible results, will take place in 2004 among the many universities in the greater Porto Alegre area. There are more than 100,000 students studying on the campuses in this southern Brazil capital.

"True Love Waits" found a responsive venue on a local air base high school in the Philippines. Almost 300 students participated in this event, with approximately 190 pledging to remain sexually pure. More that 25 percent of the young people in this country are sexually active.

For: (1) Area 6 F.O.C.U.S. Groups (WMU); (2) VBS JumpStart, Ridgecrest BC, Madison, 9 a.m. - noon (SS); (3) Please pray that more Peruvian churches in Lima, Peru, will be convinced of their responsibility to minister to the apartment-dwellers in their neighborhoods and that they will join the Lima Apartment Ministries Project Team in witnessing to these people.

For: (1) SkillShops for Associational Ministry Assistants, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 8 a.m. - 17th, - noon, 18th (P/LD); (2) Pray for members of the Jeju Island Team, of South Korea, as they seek to find Christian families among the homes that show no sign of Christian influence. Pray that as Christian families are located, they may be willing to open their homes for Bible studies among neighbors.

The Al Pages of Pittsfield, N.H., serve as MSC missionaries for the New Hampshire Association. Pray for service opportunity requests submitted to be filled with God called people. Pray for MSC missionaries to come alongside and strengthen new church starts in New Hampshire.

Pray that Western Christians can learn from the example of Chinese Christians who suffer willingly for their faith. Praise God today for all who follow Him in obedience, no matter what the cost. Pray for the continued growth of the church there as it has been refined through suffering.

The Western Gauteng Evangelism Team of Johannesburg, South Africa, requests prayer for wisdom and guidance in joining with national partners in starting new churches in 2004.

For: (1) Church Music Conference, Parkway BC, Clinton, 1 p.m., 19th - noon, 20th (CM); (2) Last semester, six new house churches were started within one section of a megacity in China. Ask that the Lord would encourage them all by raising up men and women in their midst who are full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. Pray for the Lord's protection from the enemy.

For: (1) WMU Executive Board Meeting, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 6th-7th; (2) Jim Black, Sr., Batesville, Ark., is a chaplain in the White River health system. Pray for renewed strength in the ministry throughout the hospital and among patients, employees, and staff. Pray for God's wisdom and grace to carry out His mission daily.

For: (1) Christian Education Clinic, Highland BC, Meridian, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. (D&FM); (2) Intercede for the upcoming "Hope" filming among the Guajibo people of Venezuela. As an evangelistic and discipleship tool, the "Hope" film in Guajibo will provide a visual understanding for oral learners.

Pray for the Baptist Medical Clinic at Senga Bay as they minister to cholera patients during the rainy season in Malawi. Last year, the clinic successfully treated 40 cholera patients, with no deaths. Pray that as the patients receive life-giving treatment, they will also receive the message of salvation as it is presented each day.

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# HOUSE TOPS



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The Meyers Family will be in concert at Juniper Grove Church, Poplarville, February 15 at 6:45 p.m. A fellowship will follow.

A reception honoring **Talmadge Smith** and his wife, **Mollie**, for 20 years of service as

Director of Missions for Lincoln Association will be held February 15 from 2-4 p.m. at the Lincoln Baptist Association Center. All are welcome.

**Cooke Memorial Church, Houka**, will hold a gospel praise featuring Judy Martin Hess February 15. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the concert beginning at 7 p.m. Buck Morton is pastor. For more information, call (662) 568-7960.



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The **Stamps Quartet** will be appearing in concert at Maybank Church, Hattiesburg, February 21 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call (601) 545-9251.

**Moorhead Church**, Mid Delta Association, exceeded their goal of \$1,000 for Lottie Moon Offering and collected \$1,538. Larry W. Haggard is pastor.

**Grace, Philadelphia:** Homecoming Feb. 8; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.; a potluck dinner will follow worship.



Embrace

Embrace, a gospel singing group from Jackson, will be in concert February 8 at 6 p.m. at **Cruger Church, Cruger**. A love offering will be received. For more information, call (662) 453-0009.

**Highland Church, Crystal Springs**, will host a benefit gospel concert for leukemia patient Carl McDaniel February 7 at 7 p.m. Featured artists will be Embrace of Brandon, Steve Walker of Pinola, and Inside Out

of Brookhaven. Soup and salad will be served at 6 p.m. for \$5. A love offering will be received. For more information, call (601) 892-4033 or (601) 892-0475.

**Golden Central Church, Tishomingo Association**, set a goal of \$8,500 toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The total amount received was \$21,281.58. Mickey Trammel is pastor.

**McDowell Road, Jackson:** 50th anniversary April 25; if you were ever part of this church, call (601) 372-1594 or (601) 372-9258 and leave your name and address so information can be sent to you.

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## College & Seminary News

The Office of Continuing Education at Mississippi College is offering Fine Art Fundamentals: The Keys to Fine Art on February 28 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The course is designed for those interested in learning to impact their students through fine art. Participants can earn 0.5 CEUs for attending, and students will receive a textbook and certificate certifying them in Art Evangelism. The instructor is Chuck Terrell. The cost is \$65. For more information, call (601) 925-3263.

Debbie Pierce, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, announced that Mississippi College has received a grant from the Freeman Foundation, the Japan Center for Global Partnership, and the National Association of Japan America Societies to conduct a workshop on Japan for Mississippi teachers. The workshop was held January 30 and 31 and will also be held on February 21.

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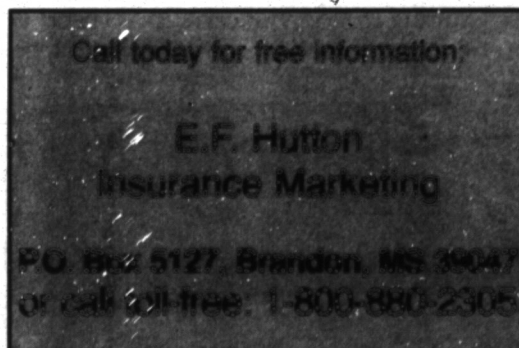
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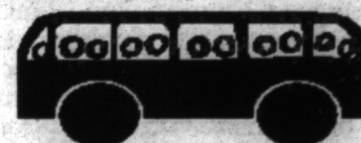
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# FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

## Disciplined Prayer

Ezra 8:21-23; I Thessalonians 5:16-18; James 5:13-18

By Ken Anderson

Henri J. M. Nouwen wrote, "The paradox of prayer is that it asks for serious effort while it can only be received as a gift. We cannot plan, organize, or manipulate God; but without a careful discipline, we can not receive him either" (Reaching Out, Christianity Today, Vol. 32, No. 6). The Bible reveals that prayer is a priority in a disciplined Christian lifestyle.

### BE HUMBLE — EZRA 8:21-23:

Ezra's call for prayer and fasting was against the background of a journey from Babylon to Jerusalem. The homeward journey held the potential for an ambush (v. 22). An ambush was a concern for three reasons. First, he would not have a military escort. He told the king that the "hand of God" would protect

them (v. 22). Second, he was aware that his cargo of treasures for the Temple would be an opportunity for thieves (vs. 24-30). Third, the "little ones" would need protection in case of an attack (v. 21d). Ezra prepared the people spiritually with a call to humble them, thus demonstrating their total dependence on God (v. 21). The act of fasting demonstrated their humility and intensified their passion in prayer. They prayed for a prosperous journey, and God honored their petition (v. 23).

### BE CONSTANT — I THESSALONIANS 5:16-18:

Paul gave three short exhortations for internal disciplines. First, "Rejoice always." Joy can diminish due to trying circumstances, but Christian joy is not dependent on circumstances (v.



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16). Second, "Pray continually" (v. 16). Charles Ryrie explained "'Without ceasing' is used outside the New Testament to refer to a hacking cough. Just as a person with a hacking cough is not always audibly coughing, the tendency to cough is always there. So the

Christian who prays without ceasing is not always praying audibly and yet prayer is always the attitude of his heart and life" (I & II Thessalonians, p. 80). Third, "In everything, give thanks." (v. 18) In the midst of any circumstance, believers can give thanks for God's blessings.

### BE AN INTERCESSOR — JAMES 5:13-18:

The believer is to pray in times of suffering and in the good times, sing praises. Believers should turn to God in the good times, not just in the bad times (v. 13). One can pray for personal healing, but the elders of the church "must" be called to intercede also. The

elders are to anoint the sufferer with oil and invoke the name of the Lord (v. 14). Three results may occur from praying for the sick. First, the sufferer will be restored physically ("save"). Second, the sufferer will be functional ("raise him up"). Third, the sufferer's sins will be forgiven if sin caused the illness (v. 15).

James' readers were encouraged to confess to and intercede for their sins (v. 16a). He gave Elijah as an example of great power or energy that moved God's might to affect the weather. Thus, there are two incentives to pray. First, prayer has the power beyond human ability or imagination. Second, Elijah, though an esteemed prophet, was human with "like passions" or imperfections as others. God heard his prayer and will hear the earnest prayers of all his people (vs. 16b-18).

### INSIGHTS FROM THE TEXTS:

**Fasting** — Fasting has a legitimate place in the Christian discipline. It is appropriate to eliminate something good or bad from one's life to better hear the voice of God. The goal of fasting should never be spiritual superiority,

boasting, or pride, but rather an increased appetite for God.

**Confessing Sins** — The lesson does not advocate haphazard confessions of sins. Clayton K. Harrop wrote, "Not every person needs to know all about the life of any one of us. But there is healing value in having someone to whom we can go and discuss our weaknesses and temptation, knowing the concern of that person and that he will join us in prayer that these sins may be avoided." (The Letter of James, p. 144).

**Disciplined Praying** — The texts strongly imply that effective prayer is the result of discipline. Cultivating the qualities of effective prayer requires structure and schedule. A designated place, a specific time, and a definite strategy for prayer help develop discipline.

**Disciplined Listening** — This is the smoking gun in most believers' prayer lives. There is a time to be still and listen to God. As someone once said, "There is a time for a 'holy hush' in our lives."

Anderson is pastor emeritus of First Church, Saltillo.

# EXPLORE THE BIBLE

## Be Wise About Alcohol

Proverbs 20:1; 23:19-21, 29-35; 31:4-7

By Ann Maniscalco

His picture hangs by my computer. As I see it, I pray for his salvation and deliverance from the clutches of alcoholism. This lesson brings painful memories to families scarred by this blight. The picture painted by liquor advertisers — that of a group of happy partygoers having a wonderful time mingling and drinking — doesn't accurately tell the story. Some can control their consumption of the "hard stuff," but many are captured by alcohol's tenacious grip, and they find their lives on a downward spiral that can destroy them and grievously wound their family.

### ALCOHOL'S DECEPTION (PROV. 20:1; 23:19-21):

As Solomon counsels his son, he uses personification to picture the human-like, undesirable attributes of alcohol. Wine mocks

the one who thinks he can keep drinking and not feel the effects. Beer is described as a

"brawler," overpowering the common sense and self-control of the consumer, causing him to become argumentative and even violent. Those who allow themselves to be duped by these intoxicants are "not wise." The young man is cautioned to disassociate himself from those who drink or eat in excess. The one doing these things shows self-indulgence and a lack of self-control, which can lead to poverty. The apostle Paul realized the pull of such temptations as well, and warned us to flee from such desires (2 Timothy 2:22).

### ALCOHOL'S DESTRUCTION (PROV. 23:29-30):

The destructive results to "those who linger over wine" are shown with these rhetorical



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questions. In Hebrew, the word "woe" has a stronger emphasis than just temporary sadness. It portrays "crying out" or "lamentation." This could refer to the physical wretchedness of the morning after, or to the despair brought about by this lifestyle.

Note the other results in verse 29. Not only are there mental distresses, but physical ones as well. In recent years, much has been learned about the progressive damage done to the body of alcoholics. As time passes, their intake usually increases. The body makes a chemical adjustment, requiring more for the drinker to get high. Short periods of amnesia set in, and give way to longer ones. There is an increased possibility of stroke, and damage to the pancreas, liver, stomach lining and brain.

### ALCOHOL'S ADDICTION (PROV. 23:31-35):

Alcohol is a drug, and as such, can be highly addictive, as seen in those wanting to stop, but cannot in their own power. The

beautiful color of the wine and the way it "goes down smoothly" make it desirable for a time, but hours later, the "sting" is felt. While intoxicated, the confused mind will imagine things that aren't real, often resulting in speech that will later be regretted. The drunkard will reel as if on a ship in a storm, resulting in bumps and bruises he can't remember getting. Even so, his dependence on alcohol sends him looking for another drink.

### ALCOHOL'S DISTRACTION (PROV. 31:4-5):

Kings and rulers are not to partake of alcohol as it will cause them to forget the laws they are to uphold, and "pervert justice." The ones they are responsible for will suffer. But aren't parents "rulers" as well? They have a responsibility toward the tender lives God has entrusted to their care. How imperative for them to keep their minds unclouded by alcohol! Lot would definitely agree — see Genesis 19:30-38.

### ALCOHOL'S SEDATION (PROV. 31:6-7):

These verses would seem to allow alcoholic beverages for the

dying or the one whose life is bitter. The Hebrew word for dying can also mean "lose courage" or "give up." When comparing these verses with the other focal passages that clearly show the damage wrought by alcohol, this may be seen as a sarcastic way of saying, "If anyone is going to drink, let it be those who have no will to live." However, those truly needing medical help for their situations can find many effective products available.

Drunkness is condemned by these scriptures, and looked down on in our society. However, many people — even Christians — see nothing wrong with social drinking or even one or two daily libations at home "to unwind." Although no verses actually forbid such, the overall teaching of God's word instructs us to: take care of our body — God's temple (1 Cor. 6:19), be self-controlled (Gal. 5:22-23; 2 Peter 1:5-6), do everything "in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17) and be "Christ's ambassadors" (2 Cor. 5:20). Can we obey these teachings with a bottle of beer in our hand?

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## HONOR ROLL OF CHURCHES

Each January we evaluate the cash gifts received in the financial office of The Baptist Children's Village during the previous twelve months. In this evaluation it has become customary to list the Mississippi Baptist churches in descending order of their designated cash gifts. This evaluation and analysis is known as the "Honor Roll of Churches." During 2003, 502 local churches gave \$1,000.00 or more to the ministry of The Baptist Children's Village. According to our records, those "502 churches" were:

1	Temple BC, Hattiesburg	\$102,985.00
2	Immanuel BC, Vicksburg	\$32,367.84
3	Morrison Heights BC, Clinton	\$18,347.04
4	Russell BC, Meridian	\$17,845.00
5	FBC, Crystal Springs	\$17,049.20
6	Bunker Hill BC Columbia	\$14,397.25
7	FBC, Water Valley	\$13,061.17
8	FBC, Madison	\$12,976.85
9	FBC, Jackson	\$12,650.00
10	FBC, Richton	\$12,469.62
11	FBC, Laurel	\$12,123.38
12	Rolling Creek BC, Quitman	\$11,798.00
13	FBC, Corinth	\$11,393.90
14	Williamsville BC, Kosciusko	\$10,538.19
15	FBC, Brookhaven	\$10,385.00
16	Roseland Park BC, Picayune	\$9,939.00
17	FBC, Kosciusko	\$9,733.00
18	Liberty BC, Liberty	\$9,371.23
19	FBC, Union	\$8,881.83
20	Calvary BC, Waynesboro	\$8,642.00
21	Leaf River BC, Collins	\$8,594.00
22	Murphy Creek BC, Louisville	\$8,380.44
23	Calvary BC, Tupelo	\$8,340.67
24	FBC, Canton	\$8,015.00
25	West Kemper BC, De Kalb	\$8,000.00
26	Briar Hill BC, Florence	\$7,825.00
27	FBC, McComb	\$7,757.46
28	Tylertown BC, Tylertown	\$7,701.00
29	FBC, Louisville	\$7,699.99
30	Seminary BC, Seminary	\$7,539.15
31	Topisaw BC, Bogie Chitto	\$7,500.00
32	Big Creek BC, Big Creek	\$7,480.63
33	FBC, Booneville	\$7,479.65
34	Gaston BC, Booneville	\$7,410.35
35	Macedonia BC, Myrtle	\$7,369.25
36	Harmony BC, Crystal Springs	\$7,294.75
37	Fredonia BC, New Albany	\$7,218.16
38	Calvary BC, Bogie Chitto	\$6,995.11
39	FBC, Sardis	\$6,770.11
40	Sand Hill BC, Richton	\$6,724.00
41	FBC, Abbeville	\$6,613.44
42	Walshall BC, Walthall	\$6,584.00
43	Bovina BC, Vicksburg	\$6,547.01
44	Oak Grove BC, Mendenhall	\$6,528.80
45	Shiloh BC, Big Creek	\$6,457.23
46	FBC, Hazlehurst	\$6,374.65
47	FBC, Vicksburg	\$6,350.74
48	Highland BC, Vicksburg	\$6,346.70
49	State Boulevard BC, Meridian	\$6,332.14
50	Mount Zion BC-Tate, Independence	\$6,290.00
51	Northwest Baptist Assn., Hernando	\$6,283.80
52	North Winona BC, Winona	\$6,281.87
53	Raymond BC, Raymond	\$6,270.00
54	Meadville BC, Meadville	\$6,245.52
55	Pine Forest BC, Collinsville	\$6,217.64
56	Fellowship BC, Meridian	\$6,197.61
57	Parkway BC, Clinton	\$6,195.00
58	North Greenwood BC, Greenwood	\$6,097.73
59	Rienzi BC, Rienzi	\$5,892.13
60	FBC, Newton	\$5,811.45

61	Poplar Springs BC, Newton	\$5,788.34
62	FBC, Greenville	\$5,724.33
63	FBC, Picayune	\$5,712.00
64	Trinity BC, Philadelphia	\$5,631.13
65	Forest BC, Forest	\$5,601.09
66	Pleasant Valley BC, Mendenhall	\$5,440.00
67	Wildwood BC, Clinton	\$5,404.88
68	Bethany BC, Calhoun City	\$5,335.00
69	Mount Zion BC, Columbus	\$5,290.54
70	Steep Hollow BC, Poplarville	\$5,089.66
71	East Philadelphia BC, Philadelphia	\$5,046.54
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73	Society Hill BC, Oak Vale	\$4,858.08
74	Hurricane Creek BC, Sandy Hook	\$4,839.40
75	Indian Springs BC, Laurel	\$4,783.72
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77	New Harmony BC, Blue Springs	\$4,766.99
78	Northminster BC, Jackson	\$4,750.00
79	Springfield BC, Morton	\$4,725.00
80	Tommelen BC, Eupora	\$4,724.52
81	Good Hope BC, Richton	\$4,700.00
82	FBC, Gulfport	\$4,682.00
83	FBC, Coldwater	\$4,628.11
84	Goodwater BC, Magee	\$4,616.56
85	FBC, Olive Branch	\$4,615.65
86	Beulah BC, Inverness	\$4,611.56
87	Sylvarena BC, Raleigh	\$4,608.47
88	Mount Moriah BC, Bruce	\$4,497.67
89	Carrollton BC, Carrollton	\$4,496.72
90	FBC, Magnolia	\$4,474.87
91	FBC, New Albany	\$4,472.00
92	FBC, Starkville	\$4,454.65
93	FBC, Yazoo City	\$4,424.06
94	FBC, Nettleton	\$4,378.81
95	Memorial BC, Richton	\$4,367.64
96	FBC, Quitman	\$4,365.00
97	Parkway BC, Kosciusko	\$4,320.93
98	FBC, Brandon	\$4,297.19
99	FBC, Columbus	\$4,294.00
100	FBC, Clinton	\$4,208.04
101	Branch BC, Morton	\$4,158.69
102	Fairview BC, Columbus	\$4,155.00
103	Eastwood BC, Indianola	\$4,150.89
104	Oak Forest BC, Jackson	\$4,105.60
105	Utica BC, Utica	\$4,083.00
106	Phalti BC, Prentiss	\$4,033.81
107	Topeka BC, Jayess	\$4,032.39
108	Ingomar BC, New Albany	\$4,008.90
109	Hurley BC, Hurley	\$3,984.72
110	Mantee BC, Mantee	\$3,930.23
111	Shiloh BC, Port Gibson	\$3,918.13
112	Gulfport Heights BC, Gulfport	\$3,900.00
113	Westwood BC, Meridian	\$3,888.90
114	Stanton BC, Natchez	\$3,875.75
115	Central BC, Brookhaven	\$3,825.00
116	Anchor BC, Water Valley	\$3,797.11
117	Dry Creek BC, Mendenhall	\$3,784.00
118	Unity BC, Harrisville	\$3,758.76
119	FBC, Indianola	\$3,730.17
120	Liberty BC, New Albany	\$3,725.00
121	FBC, Natchez	\$3,725.00
122	Old Silver Creek BC, Silver Creek	\$3,724.94
123	FBC, Meridian	\$3,687.00
124	Kolola Springs BC, Caledonia	\$3,664.53
125	Trinity BC, Southaven	\$3,661.80
126	Chunky BC, Chunky	\$3,635.00
127	Carriage Hills BC, Southaven	\$3,627.27
128	FBC, Belzoni	\$3,598.55
129	Rock Hill BC, Brandon	\$3,590.11
130	Indian Springs BC, Petal	\$3,555.00
131	Silver Springs BC, Osyka	\$3,517.64
132	Midway BC, Jackson	\$3,470.90
133	Trinity FBC, Waynesboro	\$3,462.28
134	Broadmoor BC, Madison	\$3,450.00
135	Oakvale BC, Oak Vale	\$3,439.79
136	Short Creek BC, Yazoo City	\$3,435.00
137	Pleasant Hill BC, Carthage	\$3,418.98
138	Pineview BC, Clinton	\$3,413.00
139	FBC, Vancleave	\$3,411.50
140	Thrasher BC, Booneville	\$3,403.96
141	Prentiss BC, Prentiss	\$3,315.00
142	Spring Creek BC, Philadelphia	\$3,314.72
143	Parkway BC, Houston	\$3,310.60
144	Grays Creek BC, Hernando	\$3,249.34
145	FBC, Pascagoula	\$3,247.37
146	FBC, Cleveland	\$3,234.68
147	FBC, Eupora	\$3,209.96
148	Sturgis BC, Sturgis	\$3,191.67
149	New Sight BC, Brookhaven	\$3,187.36
150	FBC, Greenwood	\$3,165.00
151	Pleasant Grove BC, Brookhaven	\$3,133.00
152	Clarke-Venable BC, Decatur	\$3,118.18
153	Ridgcrest BC, Madison	\$3,110.13
154	Valley Grove BC, Tupelo	\$3,105.85
155	FBC, Buckatuna	\$3,077.00
156	Holcomb BC, Holcomb	\$3,072.62
157	Calvary BC, Greenwood	\$3,042.10
158	FBC, Mendenhall	\$3,027.54
159	Ephesus BC, Forest	\$3,020.00
160	Smithville BC, Smithville	\$3,010.00
161	West Jackson Street, Tupelo	\$3,000.00
162	Main Street BC, Goodman	\$2,989.22
163	Harmony BC, Walnut	\$2,983.74
164	D'Lo BC, D'Lo	\$2,979.05
165	FBC, Magee	\$2,960.53
166	Lexie BC, Tylertown	\$2,956.60
167	Bucatuna BC, Meridian	\$2,846.38
168	Rocky Point BC, Carthage	\$2,829.13
169	Bethesda BC, Philadelphia	\$2,827.53
170	Providence BC, Hattiesburg	\$2,804.95
171	Mount Moriah BC, Bogie Chitto	\$2,790.00
172	FBC, Lexington	\$2,745.60
173	FBC, Columbia	\$2,730.00
174	FBC, Holly Springs	\$2,729.00
175	High Hill BC, Philadelphia	\$2,704.38
176	Progress BC, McComb	\$2,680.00
177	Neshoba BC, Union	\$2,651.25
178	FBC, Ripley	\$2,629.96
179	Dublin BC, Carson	\$2,610.92
180	Midway BC, Meridian	\$2,595.00
181	Saucier Missionary BC, Saucier	\$2,592.00
182	FBC, Isola	\$2,547.08
183	Pleasant Hill BC, Columbus	\$2,545.00
184	Newhebron BC, Newhebron	\$2,534.21
185	Foxworth BC, Foxworth	\$2,529.87
186	Central BC, McComb	\$2,528.42
187	Williamburg BC, Collins	\$2,509.84

188	Ruleville BC, Ruleville	\$2,487.98
189	Beulah BC, Decatur	\$2,484.96
190	Pine Grove BC, Picayune	\$2,461.45
191	FBC, Grenada	\$2,455.00
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214	Salem BC, Golden	\$2,205.00
215	Hillcrest BC, New Albany	\$2,200.00
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217	Salem BC, Collins	\$2,187.00
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222	Ackerman BC, Ackerman	\$2,144.00
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224	Deer Creek BC, Rolling Fork	\$2,137.00
225	Crane Creek BC, Perkinston	\$2,126.12
226	Pilgrim's Rest BC, Crystal Springs	\$2,105.00
227	FBC, Charleston	\$2,102.10
228	Tuscumbia BC, Booneville	\$2,101.38
229	Star BC, Star	\$2,096.00
230	Central BC Mc Neill	\$2,079.06
231	Berea BC, Mc Cool	\$2,069.51
232	County Line BC, Crystal Springs	\$2,049.96
233	Peach Creek BC, Como	\$2,044.50
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235	Navilla BC, McComb	\$2,019.28
236	Red Hill BC, Perkinston	\$1,997.13
237	Mount Zion BC, Meridian	\$1,993.32
238	Rocky Creek BC, Lucedale	\$1,992.00
239	Griffith Memorial BC, Jackson	\$1,980.00
240	Emmanuel BC, Grenada	\$1,977.00
241	FBC, Coffeeville	\$1,975.00
242	Macedonia BC, Tupelo	\$1,973.35
243	Pineville BC, Golden	\$1,960.00
244	Pleasant Hill BC, Quitman	\$1,956.50
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281	Georgetown BC, Georgetown	\$1,730.50
282	Golden Central BC, Golden	\$1,722.00
283	Bethel BC, Etta	\$1,721.71
284	Lone Star BC, Ellisville	\$1,720.00
285	FBC, Lyman, Gulfport	\$1,716.40
286	Longview Heights BC, Olive Branch	\$1,710.33
287	Harmony BC, Louisville	\$1,708.16
288	Pearl Hill BC, Carthage	\$1,704.00
289	Harmony BC, Pontotoc	\$1,700.00
290	FBC, Brooklyn	\$1,693.66
291	Bethel BC, Poplarville	\$1,678.48
292	Mount Manna BC, Coldwater	\$1,678.34
293	Shady Grove BC, Batesville	\$1,672.92
294	Magee's Creek BC, Jayess	\$1,670.58
295	Phoebe BC, Phoebe	\$1,670.00
296	Union BC, Mize	\$1,668.22
297	Oak Grove BC, Shubuta	\$1,666.89
298	Harrisville BC, Harrisville	\$1,660.00
299	Zion Hill BC, Blue Springs	\$1,657.50
300	Pleasant Ridge BC, Dumas	\$1,650.00
301	Rawls Springs BC, Hattiesburg	\$1,647.02
302	Mount Pleasant BC, Gloster	\$1,636.00
303	Ramah BC, Mc Call Creek	\$1,633.81
304	FBC, Rummelstown, Petal	\$1,630.98
305	Hathorn BC, Columbia	\$1,626.08
306	Remus BC, Carthage	\$1,625.42
307	Ellistown BC, Blue Springs	\$1,623.00
308	Whitesand BC, Prentiss	\$1,618.00
309	FBC, Okolona	\$1,618.00
310	West McComb BC, McComb	\$1,608.08
311	Hillcrest BC, Jackson	\$1,600.00
312	FBC, Biloxi	\$1,592.25
313	Woodland BC, Woodland	\$1,588.57
314	New Bethel BC, Carrollton	\$1,587.64

315	Lone Oak BC, Corinth	\$1,585.00
316	New Montpelier BC, Woodland	\$1,581.84
317	Immanuel BC, Hattiesburg	\$1,575.00
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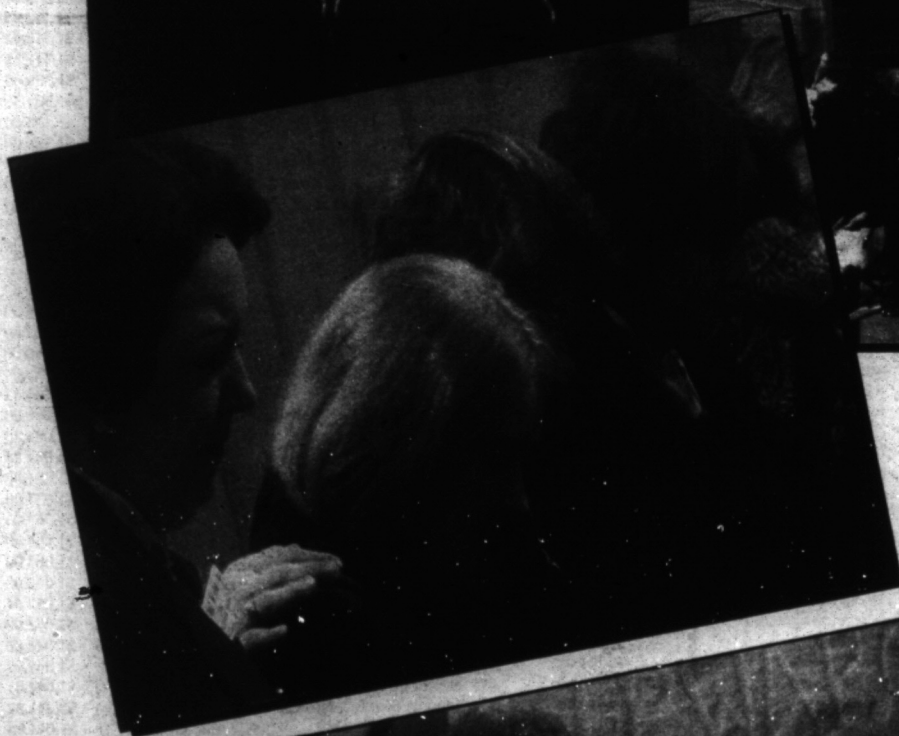
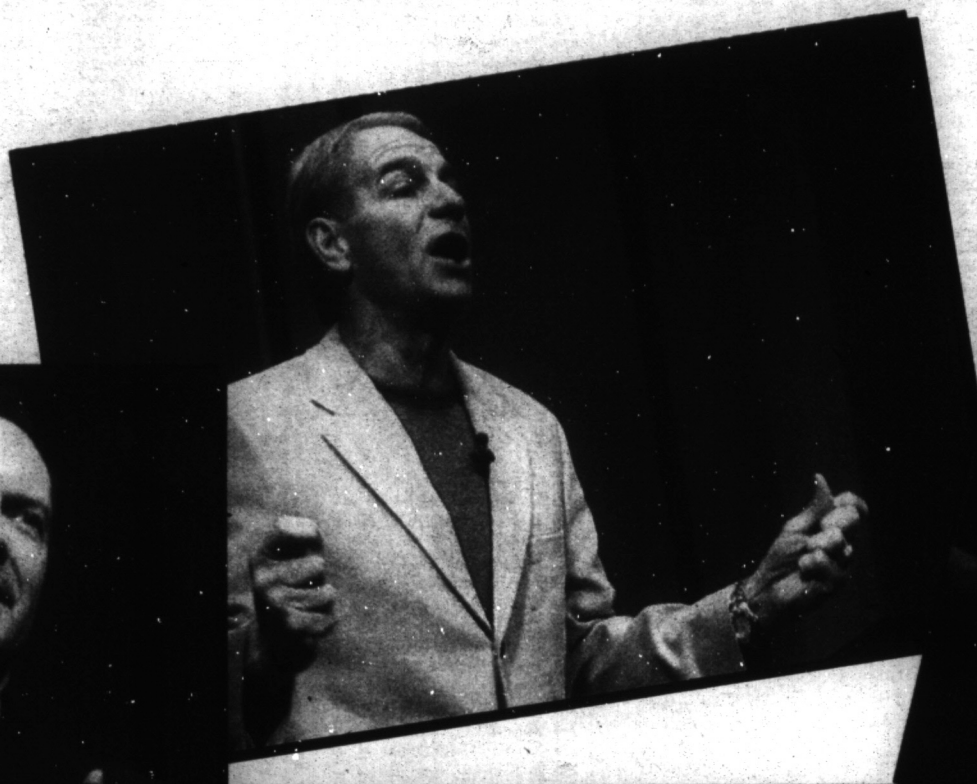
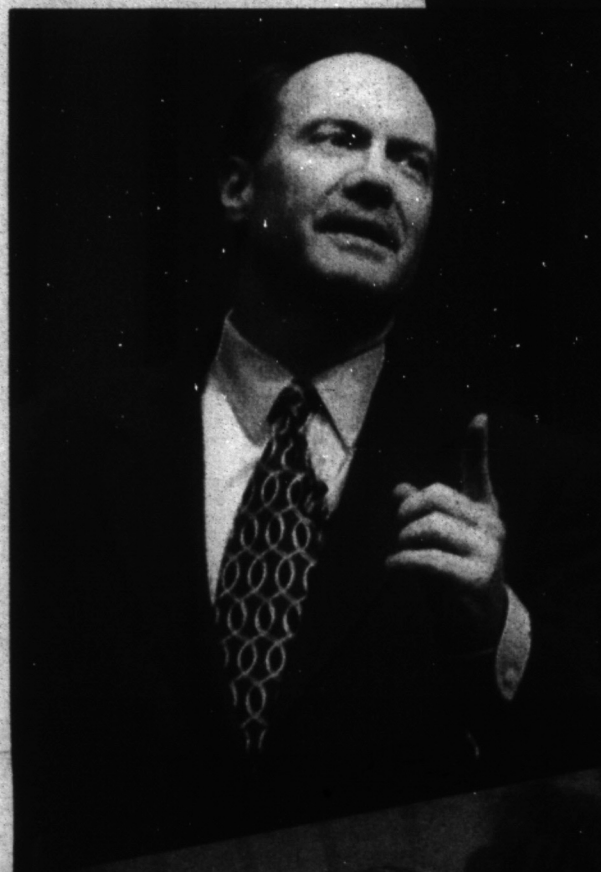
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